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SUBJECT: FRENCH SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS TO THE PRC

1. FRENCH COUNSELOR CHENU ADVISED DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 17 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD HAD FORGOTTEN TO RAISE ONE SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENTIAL PARTY DURING RECENT TALKS IN PARIS AND HAD THEREFORE INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

2. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PRC PRIME MINISTER BARRE INTENDS TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE SALE BY FRAMATOME OF PRESSURIZED WATER NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS OF 900 MEGAWATT CAPACITY. THIS QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE CHINESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO FRANCE. CHENU ADDED THAT IN ANY DISCUSSION OF SUCH SALES THE FRENCH SIDE WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED UNDER THE FRAMATOME
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AGREEMENT WITH WESTINGHOUSE AS WELL AS FRENCH OBLIGATIONS TO COCOM.

3. WE TOOK NOTE OF THISADVICE AND SAID COMMENT, IF ANY, WOULD BE PROVIDED LATER. CHRISTOPHER

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